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# H. R. 1601

To authorize appropriations to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to develop, assemble, and operate the International Space Station.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 10, 1995

Mr. WALKER (for himself and Mr. SENSENBRENNER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “International Space  
5       Station Authorization Act of 1995”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       The Congress finds that—

8               (1) the development, assembly, and operation of  
9       the International Space Station is in the national in-  
10      terest of the United States;

1           (2) the National Aeronautics and Space Admin-  
2           istration has restructured and redesigned the Inter-  
3           national Space Station, consolidated contract re-  
4           sponsibility, and achieved program management,  
5           control, and stability;

6           (3) further rescoping or redesigns of the Inter-  
7           national Space Station will lead to costly delays, in-  
8           crease costs to its international partners, and weak-  
9           en the international space partnership necessary for  
10          future space projects;

11          (4) total program costs for development, assem-  
12          bly, and initial operations have been identified and  
13          capped to ensure financial discipline and maintain  
14          program schedule milestones;

15          (5) in order to contain costs, mission planning  
16          and engineering functions of the National Space  
17          Transportation System (Space Shuttle) program  
18          should be coordinated with the Space Station Pro-  
19          gram Office; and

20          (6) complete program authorizations for large  
21          development programs promote program stability,  
22          reduce the potential for cost growth, and provide  
23          necessary assurance to international partners.

24 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

25          For the purposes of this Act—

1           (1) the term “Administrator” means the Ad-  
2           ministrator of the National Aeronautics and Space  
3           Administration; and

4           (2) the term “cost threat” means a potential  
5           change to the program baseline documented as a po-  
6           tential cost by the Space Station Program Office.

7   **SEC. 4. SPACE STATION COMPLETE PROGRAM AUTHORIZA-**  
8                           **TION.**

9           (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Except  
10          as provided in subsection (b), there are authorized to be  
11          appropriated to the National Aeronautics and Space Ad-  
12          ministration for the period encompassing fiscal year 1996  
13          and all subsequent fiscal years not to exceed  
14          \$13,141,000,000, to remain available until expended, for  
15          complete development and assembly of, and to provide for  
16          initial operations, through fiscal year 2002, of, the Inter-  
17          national Space Station. Not more than \$2,121,000,000  
18          may be appropriated for any one fiscal year.

19          (b) CERTIFICATION AND REPORT.—None of the  
20          funds authorized under subsection (a) may be appro-  
21          priated for any fiscal year unless, within 60 days after  
22          the submission of the President’s budget request for that  
23          fiscal year, the Administrator—

24                (1) certifies to the Congress that—

1 (A) the program reserves available for such  
2 fiscal year exceed the total of all cost threats  
3 known at the time of certification;

4 (B) the Administrator does not foresee  
5 delays in the International Space Station's de-  
6 velopment or assembly; and

7 (C) the International Space Station can be  
8 fully developed and assembled without requiring  
9 further authorization of appropriations beyond  
10 amounts authorized under subsection (a); or

11 (2) submits to the Congress a report which de-  
12 scribes—

13 (A) the circumstances which prevent a cer-  
14 tification under paragraph (1);

15 (B) remedial actions undertaken or to be  
16 undertaken with respect to such circumstances;

17 (C) the effects of such circumstances on  
18 the development and assembly of the Inter-  
19 national Space Station; and

20 (D) the justification for proceeding with  
21 the program, if appropriate.

22 **SEC. 5. COORDINATION WITH SPACE SHUTTLE.**

23 The Administrator shall—

- 1           (1) coordinate the engineering functions of the  
2       Space Shuttle program with the Space Station Pro-  
3       gram Office to minimize overlapping activities; and
- 4           (2) in the interest of safety and the successful  
5       integration of human spacecraft development with  
6       human spaceflight operations, maintain at one lead  
7       center the complementary capabilities of human  
8       spacecraft engineering and astronaut training.

